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MINISTER OF THE ENVIRONMENT ANNOUNCES ISSUING OF GUIDELINES TO PREPARE AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT FOR THE PROPOSED DEMPSTER LATERAL GAS PIPELINE

OTTAWA, January 9, 1979 -- The Honourable Len Marchand, Minister of the Environment, announced today the publication of formal guidelines for preparation of an environmental impact statement on the Dempster Lateral Gas Pipeline Project. These guidelines were prepared by an Environmental Assessment Panel established to review the potential effects of the proposed project. The guidelines will be forwarded to the project initiator, the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development, and to the proponent, Foothills Pipe Lines (Yukon) Limited, who will be responsible for the preparation of the environmental impact statement.

The Foothills proposal is to transport Mackenzie Delta natural gas via a pipeline route which would approximately parallel the Dempster and Klondike Highways and would connect at Whitehorse with the proposed Alaska Highway Gas Pipeline.

The guidelines apply to the entire route of the Dempster pipeline in Yukon and in the Northwest Territories.

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Upon receipt of the impact statement, the Environmental Assessment Panel will distribute it to all interested parties and will then conduct a public review of the documentation, including public meetings in Yukon and in the Northwest Territories. The expected time of submission of the statement is summer, 1979.

The Dempster Lateral Pipeline Environmental Assessment Panel is chaired by Mr. John Klenavic of the Federal Environmental Assessment Review Office, Ottawa. The other members are: Dr. John Kelsall of Vancouver, B.C.; Mr. Colin Wykes and Mr. Lynn Chambers of Whitehorse, Yukon Territories, and Dr. Robert Morrison and Mr. Alan Heginbottom of Ottawa.

Copies of the guidelines are available from:

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